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Deborah A. Buniski, P.E.  
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Re: Harvey & Knott Superfund Site  
Subsurface Cleanup

Dear Ms. Buniski:

Your letter regarding dewatering at the referenced Site was received in this office on April 6, 1989. The only information provided for review was a draft wetlands delineation map. At our meeting with International Technology Corporation (IT) on March 17, 1989, we discussed the minimum amount of information that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would need for an accelerated review and approval of the dewatering activity. The information requested was a report on the proposed dewatering scheme and if possible a copy of the draft Environmental Assessment. IT assured EPA that a draft of the Environmental Assessment could be provided within one week. Having waited three weeks to receive the requested information, we are very frustrated with only receiving a wetlands delineation map that was prepared on January 5, 1988.

Your letter stated that the excavation activities will be proposed for the drier summer months in order to minimize the need for dewatering. EPA's position is that if the geophysical survey had been performed immediately upon completion of the surface cleanup (January 20, 1989), the subsurface cleanup excavation could have been completed by the end of March. We are now faced with either the excavation of subsurface drums during the rainy season or experiencing another delay by waiting to perform excavation activities in the summer months.

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Please provide an explanation of the current delay and what actions Tetra Tech Richardson intends to implement to ensure that this project remains on schedule in the future. This information should be provided to this office by April 21, 1989. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Paula Retzler of my staff at (215) 597-1113.

Sincerely,

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